

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMERCE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN WITT**, on February 1, 1999 at
10:07 A.M., in Room 201 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Witt, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom Keating, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. William Crismore (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Summer Alger, Committee Secretary
Roger Lloyd, Legislative Branch
Shirley Moore, OBPP

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 2 - Dept. Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Budget
Executive Action: HB 2 - Dept. Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Budget

The committee discussed the schedule of hearings and **Roger Lloyd**
passed out Differences from the Executive Budget as of 2/1/99,
and HB 2 Language for Dept. FW&P.

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EXHIBIT(jnh25a01) & **EXHIBIT(jnh25a02)**, respectively.

HEARING ON HB 2 - DEPT. FW&P BUDGET - LANGUAGE

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - DEPT. FW&P BUDGET - LANGUAGE

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.1}

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON moved that HB 2 LANGUAGE FOR DEPT. FW&P BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by REP. HAINES. Motion carried unanimously.

*Sen. Crismore was not present.

Chairman Witt asked Mr. Lloyd about boating safety (FTE's) from the previous meeting, and Rep. Tropila asked about Water Recreation Enhancement on Mr. Lloyd's 'Differences' handout, and the 1/2 FTE in FY00, though not in FY01.

DP 406

Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 406 BE ADOPTED WITH 2 FTE'S (1.50 FTE IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND 0.50 FTE [DP 616] IN THE PARKS DIVISION) AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PROVIDED FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AS GENERATED BY THE BUDGET SYSTEM. SECONDED by REP. TROPILA. Motion carried unanimously.

*Sen. Crismore was not present.

**HEARING ON HB 2 - DEPT. FW&P BUDGET - CONSERVATION EDUCATION
DIVISION**

Pat Graham, Director, Dept. FW&P, introduced Ron Aasheim, Administrator, Conservation Education Division, who gave a brief division overview.

Sen. Keating inquired about Montana Outdoor Magazine, and Mr. Aasheim responded by handing out a Montana Outdoors: Fact Sheet and Update 1999.

EXHIBIT(jnh25a03)

Present Law Adjustments:

DP 802

Sen. Keating questioned Mr. Lloyd on some of the general fund revenue, and then asked Mr. Aasheim to discuss the shooting range grants program, and the purpose of the technical adjustment.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - DEPT. FW&P BUDGET - CONSERVATION
EDUCATION DIVISION**

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.1}

Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 802 BE ADOPTED AS A BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION. SECONDED by REP. HAINES. Motion carried unanimously.

DP 803

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - DEPT. FW&P BUDGET - CONSERVATION
EDUCATION DIVISION**

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11}

Motion/Vote: REP. TROPILA moved that DP 803 BE ADOPTED AS ONE-TIME-ONLY AND RESTRICTED. SECONDED by SEN. NELSON. Motion carried unanimously.

DP 804

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - DEPT. FW&P BUDGET - CONSERVATION
EDUCATION DIVISION**

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.3}

Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 804 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by SEN. NELSON. Motion carried unanimously.

New Proposals:

DP 801

Mr. Lloyd asked the committee to make corrections to the write up on page **C-42** of the Legislative Budget Analysis 2001 Biennium: Agency Budgets, Vol. 1, January 1999, LFD, striking \$12,941 for aquatic school programs.

**The Legislative Budget Analysis (LBA) 2001 budget book will not be referred to as an exhibit, however, budget information from other sources will be noted as exhibits.*

Jerry Wells, Trout Unlimited, urged support for this decision package, as did **Ken Hoovestol, Walleyes Unlimited**.

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Further discussion ensued over this decision package, and **Mr. Aasheim** handed out an Aquatic Education Program Overview.

EXHIBIT (jnh25a04)

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EDUCATION DIVISION**

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.8}

Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 801 BE ADOPTED AS ONE-TIME-ONLY AND RESTRICTED. SECONDED by SEN. NELSON. Motion carried unanimously.

DP 805

Mr. Aasheim passed out a sheet on decision package 805: Reduce FWP Centennial Commemoration.

EXHIBIT (jnh25a05)

Rep. Haines commented on the **Liz Claiborne** survey, then asked about funding sources for the \$66,500 of this decision package, and **Chairman Witt** had questions on the Lewis & Clark bicentennial.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - DEPT. FW&P BUDGET - CONSERVATION
EDUCATION DIVISION**

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.8}

Motion/Vote: SEN. CRISMORE moved that DP 805 AS AMENDED BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by REP. TROPILA. Motion carried 4-2 with Keating and Witt voting no.

Sen. Keating made a speech on oil & gas leases on the Rocky Mountain Front, commenting on the ideals of DNRC (do lease) versus that of Dept. FW&P (do not lease).

Chairman Witt asked the committee to look over the 'Differences' handout and the departments they had heard to date to make sure they are all comfortable with the decisions made.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:35 A.M.

REP. JOHN WITT, Chairman

SUMMER ALGER, Secretary

JW/SA

EXHIBIT (jnh25aad)